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Sir:

Your petitioner, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), a corporation of the State of New York, located at New Orchard Road, Armonk, NY, 10504, represents that it is the owner of record of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2002 at Reel 012468, Frame 0478 of U.S. Patent No. 6,877,048.

The undersigned representative is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and it is certified that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark R. BILAK et al.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', written over a horizontal line.

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